



## Paul Harlan Klotz

December 4, 1949 - April 2, 2025

Paul Harlan Klotz, passed away on April 2, 2025, in Bend, Oregon at the age of 75.

Born on December 4, 1949, to Harlan and Donnamae (nee Hoffman) Klotz in Chicago, Illinois. Paul was one of 5 children.

Paul graduated with his bachelors in business from Coe College in 1971. While at Coe College, Paul met his wife, Deborah Dion. They married in June 1972. Post graduation, Paul joined the United States Air Force. After five years serving he transitioned to a successful career at Procter & Gamble starting in Sacramento, CA. After a brief transfer to Dallas, TX, Paul and Deb settled in Cincinnati, OH where they raised their two daughters, Erin and Hillary.

After retiring from Procter & Gamble in 2004, Paul and Deb embraced a new chapter in Oregon. There Paul was able to fully embrace his love for the outdoors. He thrived, staying active with golf, tennis, and softball. He poured his creative energy into their beautiful cliffside property along the Deschutes River, adding scenic river trails and spaces for yard games. Music was another great joy, whether attending the annual Sisters Folk Festival or simply relaxing on his back porch listening to favorite songs with friends. Paul's affable, carefree nature drew people to him; he lived life fully, on his own terms, and with genuine enthusiasm.

In June of 2024, Paul was diagnosed with stage 4 glioblastoma forcing him to step away from the active life he loved. Despite the difficult journey of surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation, Paul faced his illness with incredible strength and unwavering optimism. Each morning, he would declare himself "the luckiest guy in the world," a testament to his positive spirit and gratitude for the life he lived.

Paul will be deeply missed by his wife, Deb; his daughters, Erin Washburn [Ben], Hillary Stringer [Cole], Emily Cassedy [Travis] and five grandchildren; his siblings, Jack, Thom , Beth, and Nancy and their families; and a wide circle of friends who were touched by his warmth and zest for life.

A memorial service to celebrate Paul's life will be held on July 8, 2025 at 1pm at First Presbyterian Church of Bend. (230 NE 9th St, Bend, OR 97701)

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Paul's name to Partners in Care Bend (<https://www.partnersbend.org>), or Bethlehem Inn (<https://bethleheminn.org/give-hope/>)

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home of Bend was honored to serve the family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 8. 1:00 PM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church of Bend  
230 NE 9th St, Bend, OR 97701  
Bend, OR 97701

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have known Paul through the senior softball league since 2014. His sense of humor and easy going manner were admirable qualities. Occasionally, in the off season we met up on the canyon trail below their property. I recall always being in awe of Paul’s hitting ability on the ball field. During one game, he smiled and quipped, “I can hit the ball just about anywhere I want,” and indeed he did just that, every single time! Paul was always very supportive of me after I was diagnosed with cancer and I will always be grateful for that.

Bill Brant - July 07, 2025 at 02:29 PM

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“ Kayla, Tyler, Jeff, Amanda & Caroline purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul Harlan Klotz.



Kayla, Tyler, Jeff, Amanda & Caroline - July 02, 2025 at 01:50 PM

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“ Kayla, Tyler, Jeff, Amanda & Caroline planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Harlan Klotz.

Kayla, Tyler, Jeff, Amanda & Caroline - July 02, 2025 at 01:50 PM

JB

“ I always enjoyed Paul's company. He was so easy-going and upbeat that I couldn't help but smile every time I saw him. Put simply: he was a great guy and a good man.

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**Jim Bailey** - June 01, 2025 at 09:37 AM

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“ Paul was a wonderful friend, and simply a "peach of a guy." We played tennis, golf, 'cornhole,' softball, slingball, etc. together.....as Paul was ALWAYS "up" for a game --- ANY game! I'd kid him about being a "12-year old in an adult body!" On golf or tennis trips, not sure I've ever met anyone as easy to get along with. So many of us will miss him; a dear person. [Brian Brown]

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**Brian H Brown** - May 15, 2025 at 08:38 PM



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**Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery** - May 13, 2025 at 12:43 PM